REMARKS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the claim rejections set forth in the Office Action dated July 26, 2006.

Summary

Claims 1 and 2 were rejected.

Claims 3 and 4 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claims 1 and 4 are currently amended.

Claim 3 was cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-4 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims Rejections

Claims 1 – 2 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by the admitted prior art.

Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to incorporate the allowable features of claim 3. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable over the cited reference for at least the reasons the Examiner indicated that claim 3 was allowable.

Dependent claims 2 and 4 depend from allowable claim 1, so are allowable for at least this reason.

Conclusion

For at least the reasons presented above, the Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned in the event that a telephone interview would expedite consideration of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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